



PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Richard Ian Christopherson et al.  
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents:

Applicants previously submitted an Amendment on June 3, 2004, in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003, and a Response on September 22, 2004, in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004. In order to advance the prosecution of the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully submit the present Supplemental Amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004. Please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.